

*Example e-mail text to send with the Hydrodynamic and Water Quality Model Inventory:*

Attached is a spreadsheet to collect information about hydrodynamic and water quality models for the Gulf of Mexico region. The template was developed by the Nutrients Team of the Gulf of Mexico Alliance, a partnership between the Gulf States and 13 federal agencies to increase regional collaboration and enhance the ecological and economic health of the Gulf of Mexico.

The Nutrients Team is conducting this inventory to support the development of numeric nutrient criteria in coastal waters and estuaries. We are interested in learning about hydrodynamics-based modeling efforts that could potentially contribute to nutrient criteria development as well as other water-quality issues. Each Gulf State and the federal agencies participating in the Alliance are reaching out to the modeling community to capture information about existing models and make the results widely available in a database. This inventory effort is also intended to facilitate communication between State coastal managers and the modeling community. Therefore, we are interested in learning about your needs and interests related to hydrodynamic and water quality modeling.

We hope that you will take the time to share information about your modeling work with the Gulf of Mexico Alliance. Please also help us by forwarding this request to others in the modeling community. Thank you in advance for your participation and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. If possible, we would like to complete the inventory by April 9, 2007.